

**Open Lands Board  
Minutes – Meeting #6  
July 19, 2007**

**7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the County Commissioners Meeting Room**

**I. Meeting Called to Order – Dan Walker – Chair, at 7:40 PM**

**A. Roll Call**

**Board Members:**

Phil Connelly – Excused  
Dan Dunagan – Present  
Jim Ellingson – Excused  
Rob Johnson – Excused  
Dan Kraft – Present  
Gary Leese – Excused  
Alan Maki – Excused  
Ken Meyers – Present  
John Ormiston – Present  
Mike Pfliger – Present  
Craig Siphers – Excused  
Tim Tackes – Excused  
John Vore – Present  
Paul Wilson – Has resigned

**Planning Staff**

Karen Hughes  
Kimberli Imig

**B. Review and approval of Minutes – June 21, 2007 Meeting**

- John Vore moved to approve the minutes from June 21, 2007 Open Lands Board meeting. Mike Pflieger seconded. The minutes stand approved.

**C. Amendments to Agenda**

- There were none.

**D. Public comment – Items not on the agenda**

- **Jim Rokosch** stated that the Subdivision Review is looking in to the mitigation to Ag land. The board is looking to the Open Lands Board for some guidance for a value of loss to Ag land.
- **Dan** had an update regarding the Open Lands Board. The OLB and the BCC met the other day and had a great time. A few questions that were asked were how exactly do we manage this process? Also, the education board can play a huge part in this.
- **Mike** stated that this mitigation is an exciting time because it can raise money for our program.

- **Kent** said the concept is great! Implementation is what we need to be looking at.
- **Mike** reiterated to keep in mind that during this whole process, this is an Open Lands Board which means agriculture, wildlife, and all those things.
- **Dan** said that this should be brought to a full board, a decision should be made and then take it to the commissioners.

## **II. Old Business**

### **A. Technical & Conservation Subcommittee update**

- **John Vore** met briefly to discuss the fast track that has been suggested. The consensus of the Subcommittee was that we don't really need that. Perhaps after doing a few projects we may keep the fast tract in mind, but just not right now. Looking into it as an adaptive process.

### **B. Education and Communication Subcommittee update**

- **Dan Walker** gave the report as Craig was ill. Potentially there will be a meeting in August. Also, we need to make the public understand that this IS a process and educate them to it. Having the panel attend the June meeting was a big help and more things like that should be done so the public can learn more.

## **III. New Business**

### **A. Discussion- Board scoring and review of case studies**

- **Dan** stated that we need to get this going. This is the second meeting we have put this off. He said that the board needs to get at least some sort of scoring into Vanessa via email. **Dan** will send out the June 14 email from Vanessa with a deadline of Monday July 23, 2007 at 5:00 PM. This is when all information should be into Vanessa so that she can get back to the committee with comments and so forth.

### **B. Meeting Report: BCC update**

- **Dan** thanked the commission once again for taking the time out of their schedule to sit down with the board. The time was very much appreciated and productive. **Dan** stated that he and the board look forward to the partnership with the new commissioners.

### **C. Meeting Report: County Attorney Office criteria review**

- **Dan** met with County Attorney George Corn on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July.
  1. There are no legal problems with the criteria.
  2. George and his staff are passionate about Open Lands and will see to it that this board is as successful as possible.
  3. In conclusion it was decided that a marketing /publication of some type needs to go into this.

- **Dan** stated that now that the legal review has been done, the criteria review sheet should be ready to go to the BCC for final review.

#### **D. Tasks assigned to subcommittees**

- **Dan** suggested that the conservation committee get some rough estimates of where the board may be at the end of the year

#### **IV. Ravalli Planning Staff: Updates and Report**

- **Karen Hughes** gave the report as **Vanessa** was at a conference.
  1. The staff is currently re-working the guidelines.
  2. Vanessa wants to go through the procedure step by step with the board so that everyone has it clearly in their mind what will be happening.
  3. The education committee will soon be getting some more tasks.
  4. Potential August Meeting with Missoula County. If the board wants to do this then **Vanessa** needs to know if we need another meeting outside of this one before the August one to discuss. Would you travel? What do you want to discuss? Etc.

#### **V. Future meeting dates, proposed agenda items, and guest speakers**

##### **A. Potential August meeting with Missoula County Open Lands Board**

- **Dan** stated that in order to maximize the meeting with Missoula County it may be more beneficial to table this matter until the board has more experience. At least let the board get one or two under their belts and then have a meeting. If the meeting is put off until the board has some experience.

##### **B. Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday August 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM**

#### **VI. Adjourn**

- **John Vore** motion to adjourn meeting.
- **Kent** seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM